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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
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SIR:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted.

- X Within 3 months (1) of filing date of a national application; (2) of date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. (No fee is required.)
- After the mailing date of a first Office Action but before (1) mailing of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113; or (2) mailing of a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
- Payment for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) accompanies this submission by check in the amount of \$ _____ ; or
- The certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e) is made below. (No fee is required.)
- After the mailing of (1) a final action under 37 CFR §1.113; or (2) a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311 whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue. The certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e) is made below. The Commissioner hereby is petitioned to consider the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this submission. Payment for the Petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1) accompanies this submission.
- The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover any required fee is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 07-2069. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.*

Respectfully submitted,

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